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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

EPIC GAMES, INC.,  
  
Plaintiff, Counter-defendant,  
  
v.  
  
APPLE INC.,  
  
Defendant, Counterclaimant.

Case No. 4:20-CV-05640-YGR-TSH

**JOINT STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTER**

Courtroom: 1, 4th Floor

Judge: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

1 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-12 and Judge Gonzalez Rogers's Order of December 11,  
2 2024 (ECF No. 1070), Plaintiff and Counter-defendant Epic Games, Inc. ("Epic") and Defendant  
3 and Counterclaimant Apple Inc. ("Apple") (collectively, the "Parties"), by and through their  
4 respective counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:

5 WHEREAS, the Court has ordered the appointment of Special Masters to assist the Parties  
6 with a re-review of certain privilege assertions made by Apple (ECF No. 1070);

7 WHEREAS, the Court has subsequently ordered the appointment of the Honorable Wayne  
8 Brazil (Ret.), the Honorable Philip Gutierrez (Ret.), and the Honorable Suzanne Segal (Ret.) as  
9 Special Masters in this case (ECF No. 1074; ECF No. 1081);

10 WHEREAS, on December 22, 2024, the Honorable Wayne Brazil (Ret.) notified the Parties  
11 of his withdrawal as a Special Master;

12 WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed, in light of Judge Brazil's withdrawal and the need for  
13 the Special Masters to review a large number of documents on a compressed schedule, and subject  
14 to Court approval, to the appointment of the Honorable Patrick J. Walsh (Ret.) as an additional  
15 Special Master in this case;

16 THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED that:

17 1. The appointment of the Honorable Wayne Brazil (Ret.) is hereby terminated.

18 2. The Honorable Patrick J. Walsh (Ret.) shall cause to be filed a declaration under 28  
19 U.S.C. § 455 confirming that there are no grounds for disqualification.

20 3. Effective upon the filing of the declaration set forth in paragraph 1, the Honorable Patrick  
21 J. Walsh (Ret.) is appointed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53 as Special Master to  
22 assist the Parties with all reasonable diligence with the privilege re-review process described in  
23 ECF No. 1068, pursuant to the Protocol agreed-upon by the Parties and ordered by the Court. (ECF  
24 No. 1092).

25 4. The Special Master's hourly fee shall be his standard hourly rate at Signature Resolution  
26 for this type of work, to be divided equally between the Parties.

1 Dated: January 6, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

2 By: /s/ Yonatan Even

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1 **PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING STIPULATION AND GOOD CAUSE APPEARING,**  
2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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/s/ Yonatan Even  
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